

Committee Meeting

DEFICIT REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH WORKING GROUP ACT; AND FEDERAL WORKER PAY FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3273, the “Deficit Reduction and Economic Growth Working Group Act of 2013”; and H.J. Res. 89, the “Federal Worker Pay Fairness Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 89. The rule provides 40 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule also provides a closed rule for H.R. 3273. The rule provides 40 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.J. Res. 89, add the text of H.R. 3273, as passed by the House, as a new matter at the end of H.J. Res. 89 and make conforming modifications in the engrossment. The rule provides that upon the addition of the text of H.R. 3273, as passed by the House, to the engrossment of H.J. Res. 89, H.R. 3273 shall be laid on the table. Finally, the rule provides a closed rule for H.J. Res. 90. The rule provides 40 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Crenshaw; and Representatives Van Hollen; and Serrano.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D947)

H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers. Signed on October 2, 2013. (Public Law 113–40)

S. 793, to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States. Signed on October 2, 2013. (Public Law 113–41)

H.R. 3233, to extend the period during which Iraqis who were employed by the United States Government in Iraq may be granted special immigrant status and to temporarily increase the fee or surcharge for processing machine-readable non-immigrant visas. Signed on October 4, 2013. (Public Law 113–42)

S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act. Signed on October 4, 2013. (Public Law 113–43)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on essential elements of the multifamily housing finance system, 10 a.m., SD–538.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Haiti: Is U.S. Aid Effective?”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “From al-Shabaab to al-Nusra: How Westerners Joining Terror Groups Overseas Affect the Homeland”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the IRS’s Role in Implementing and Enforcing ObamaCare”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Effects of the Health Law’s Definition of Full-Time Employee on Small Businesses”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Effect of Government Shutdown on VA Benefits and Services to Veterans”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.